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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above listed claim amendments along with the following remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action set forth above. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome a 112 rejection; no change in the scope of the claim is made by this amendment, which was not made in view of any prior art references.

Claim 3 has been amended to be consistent with claim 1 to eliminate the recitation that I_K characterizes a short circuit current limitation which has been moved to claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as indefinite, questioning the terms “lop”, “los” and “lk.” The examiner’s suggestion to incorporate the definitions of these abbreviations from claim 3 into claim 1 has been adopted. Claim 1 now recites that:

- i. I_{0P} is a first threshold value of the output current I_0 ;
- ii. I_{0S} is a second threshold value of the output current I_0 ; and
- iii. I_K characterizes a short circuit current limitation.

Claim 3 has been retained in amended form because claim 3 further limits:

- i. the first threshold value (I_{0P}) of the output current (I_0) to that which characterizes the limit of a normal operating range; and
- ii. the second threshold value (I_{0S}) of the output current (I_0) to that which characterizes the limit of an operating range with a heavier load.

Conclusion

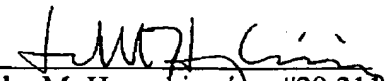
All pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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